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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Stephen A. Rago  
Serial No. : 09/679,456  
Filed : October 4, 2000  
Title : SELF-DESCRIBING FILE SYSTEM

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Applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for a 0 month extension of time.

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Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Claims 4, 5, and 10 have been canceled.

Claims 1-3, 6, and 11-15 have been amended.

Claims 16-32 have been added.

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1. (Amended) A method for use in a file system including at least one server and one disc storage device for access by at least one client, said method comprising the steps of:

a. attaching said client to said file system; and

b. reading a formal description of the file system by said client from said disc storage device, wherein said client can read and write data to and from said disc storage device without requiring further knowledge of said file system.

2. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein step b. further comprises the step of:

reading enough information to determine the physical block and offset containing a given file's inode given its inode number.

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